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## TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts (copy enclosed) dated June 25, 2001, it is respectfully submitted that an Assignee Statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) establishing ownership of the patent is not required. The above-identified patent is still owned by the inventor and, therefore, no assignee exists. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §1410.01, where no assignee exists, Applicant merely has to affirmatively state that fact on the record and no Assignee Statement is required. In the Declaration of Robert A. Vito under 37 C.F.R. §1.175(a), paragraph number 10, Mr. Vito states, "I have not assigned the '587 patent to any other entity." Accordingly, the record of the application states that there is no assignee.

In the event that the statement in paragraph number 10 of Mr. Vito's Declaration is not sufficient to satisfy M.P.E.P. §1410.01, Applicant hereby states that no assignee exists for the '587 patent.

In view of the fact that no statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) is required, it is respectfully submitted that all parts of the application were submitted with the original filing documents and thus, there is no surcharge due for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Reissue Application.

In the event a surcharge or other fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (210332.0027) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

[X] Surcharge of \$130.00 for late filing fee and/or Declaration and Power of Attorney.

[X] Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17.

[ X ] In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required during the prosecution of this application, but not submitted, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to our Deposit Account noted above.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this reissue application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

• Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership of the patent is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that all assignees consenting to the reissue application establish their ownership interest in the patent by filing in the reissue application a statement in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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